

## Navy Announces FY16 CNO Environmental Award Winners

Annual Awards Recognize Outstanding Environmental Stewardship

**VICE ADMIRAL PHIL CULLOM**, deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics (N4), announced 30 winners of the fiscal year (FY) 2016 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Environmental Awards competition in a naval message in February 2016.

The CNO Environmental Awards are an annual recognition program that highlights the accomplishments of nominated ships, installations, and individuals for exceptional achievements in environmental stewardship. The FY16 winners, listed alphabetically within each category, are shown below.

### Natural Resources Conservation, Large Installation

- Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada
- Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Washington
- Naval Weapons Station Earle, Colts Neck, New Jersey

### Environmental Quality, Industrial

- Fleet Readiness Center Southwest, San Diego, California
- Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida
- Naval Base Kitsap, Bremerton, Washington

### Environmental Quality, Overseas

- Camp Lemonnier Djibouti
- Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan
- Naval Station Rota, Spain

### Sustainability, Non-Industrial

- Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Milton, Florida
- Naval Hospital Bremerton, Washington
- Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

### Sustainability, Individual/Team

- Naval Base Coronado, San Diego, California
- Naval Base Ventura County Sustainability Team, Point Mugu, California
- NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

### Environmental Restoration, Installation

- Naval Base Point Loma, San Diego, California
- St. Juliens Creek Annex, Norfolk, Virginia

### Cultural Resources Management, Small Installation

- Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan
- Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida
- Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Virginia

### Cultural Resources Management, Individual/Team

- Ms. Carrie A. Williams of NAS Pensacola, Florida
- Ms. Kerry A. Vautrot of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Maine
- Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake Cultural Resource Team, California

### Environmental Excellence in Weapon System Acquisition, Small Program

No nominations received.


### Environmental Planning

- Ice Exercise (ICEX) 2016 Environmental Planning Team, Norfolk, Virginia
- Mariana Islands Training and Testing EIS Team, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- Transit Protection System Port Angeles Environmental Assessment Project Team, Bremerton, Washington

### Afloat (*includes five competitive sub-categories*)

- Littoral or Amphibious Warfare: No nominations received.
- Surface Combatant: USS Monterey (CG 61)
- Large Deck Combatant: USS Harry Truman (CVN 75)
- Submarine: USS Virginia (SSN 74)
- Military Sealift Command: USS Emory S. Land (AS 39)

Winners of the CNO Environmental Awards advance to the Secretary of the Navy level of competition to compete with U.S. Marine Corps nominees.

For more information on the CNO Environmental Awards program, visit <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/environment/awards>. 




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## 2016 Navy Community Service Environmental Stewardship Flagship Award Winners Announced

Commands & Ships Honored That Exhibit Environmental Stewardship Via Volunteer Service

**VICE ADM. PHILIP H. CULLOM**, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, announced the winners and honorable mentions in the 2016 Navy Community Service Environmental Stewardship Flagship Awards.

The awards program highlights commands and ships that exhibit strong commitment to environmental stewardship via volunteer service projects. The winners are as follows:

### Shore command category:

- Small (under 200 personnel): Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL
- Medium (200 to 499 personnel): Pacific Missile Range Facility, HI
- Large (500 or more personnel): Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, WA

### Sea command category:

- Medium (200 to 499 personnel): Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 23, San Diego, CA
- Large (500 or more personnel): USS Frank Cable (AS 40)

### Overseas command category:

- Small (under 200 personnel): Navy Munitions Command, East Asia Division, Guam

### Commands receiving honorable mentions include:

- Small shore command: Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Center, Whidbey Island, WA
- Medium shore command: Afloat Training Group San Diego, CA
- Large shore command: Naval Air Technical Training Center, Pensacola, FL

Vice Adm. Cullom applauded the honorees in a naval message. "I extend my congratulations (to the winners) on all of your impressive accomplishments," said Cullom.

"Representing the Navy as dedicated stewards of the environment is crucial as we aspire to be good neighbors, afloat and ashore."

This year's winners executed diverse projects such as street, park, and beach clean-ups; partnerships with local community and environmental organizations; recycling efforts; water conservation projects; and others.


Commemorative plaques will be awarded to each category winner, and honorable mentions receive a signed certificate from Vice Adm. Cullom.

The Environmental Stewardship Flagship is one of five flagships that comprise the Navy Community Service program. The four remaining flagships include:

1. Personal Excellence Partnership
2. Project Good Neighbor
3. Campaign Drug Free
4. Health, Safety and Fitness

Sea command category (large) winner USS Frank Cable (AS 40).  
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For additional information about the Navy's energy, environment, and climate change initiatives, visit <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/home>. 

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## Navy Launches Drug Take Back Program

Program Provides a Mechanism for the Responsible Disposal of Unused Prescriptions

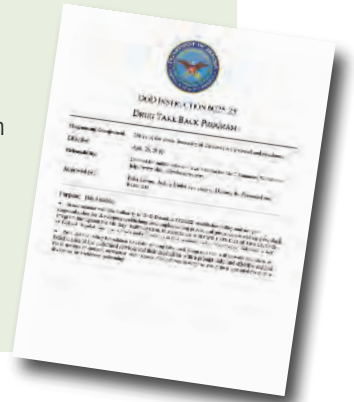
**THE U. S. NAVY** Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED), in coordination with the Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Office, has launched a pharmaceutical take back program at Navy pharmacies located in the United States and U.S. Customs territories.

The Military Health System is committed to reducing the risk of prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse in the military community, supporting the Nation's efforts to reduce opioid abuse. This program is intended to provide beneficiaries with a mechanism through which they can responsibly dispose unused, unwanted, or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals. Additionally, the program provides appropriate disposal to help minimize environmental impact caused by the flushing of pharmaceuticals into a sanitary sewer or being placed in a landfill untreated with household solid waste.

The collection of these pharmaceuticals through such a program has historically been prohibited by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) under the requirements of the Controlled Substance Act. In lieu of such collection programs, many locations elected to host pharmaceutical take back events that were coordinated with DEA and other local law enforcement agencies. In the fall of 2014, the DEA relaxed the restrictions on such programs to

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allow DEA registrants to establish permanent take back programs as authorized collection sites.

Now that the appropriate regulatory interpretations and policy waivers have been obtained, Navy pharmacies are authorized to pursue implementation. Department of Defense (DoD) instruction 6025.25 (published April 26, 2016) requires medical treatment facilities to offer drug take back options at qualifying pharmacy locations so beneficiaries can properly dispose of unused, unneeded and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications. Navy pharmacies will be implementing on-site collection receptacles and/or providing mail-back envelopes to provide increased access and convenience to beneficiaries. Additionally, some locations may elect to continue periodic take back events with local law enforcement agencies.

The following items will be accepted via take back programs—prescription and over-the-counter medications, pills, tablets, capsules, ointments, creams, lotions, powders, or liquid medicines (no more than 4 ounces).


### For More Information

**NAVAL HOSPITAL BREMERTON'S** pharmacy has already implemented two programs to safely handle discarded medications and help dispense pre-ordered prescriptions. For more information, read our story "Naval Hospital Bremerton Pharmacy Implements New Innovations" that appeared in the fall 2016 issue of the magazine. You can download this story and browse the entire *Currents* archives at the Department of Navy's Energy, Environment and Climate Change web site at <http://greenfleet.dodlive.mil/currents-magazine>.



Along with the recognized benefits of using the collection programs, users should keep in mind the following restrictions:

1. The collection programs may not be used for the collection of sharps (e.g., needles or syringes), aerosols, inhalers, illicit drugs (e.g., schedule I controlled substances such as marijuana, heroin, or LSD), chemotherapy or radioactive substances, other hazardous substances (e.g., batteries) or more than 4 ounces of liquid.
2. The beneficiaries must place their own unused, unwanted, or expired pharmaceuticals into the collection receptacle or mail-back envelope. Pharmacy employees and other providers/clinic staff are not authorized to take pharmaceuticals from beneficiaries or deposit the materials into the receptacles or mail-back envelopes on behalf of the beneficiary.
3. The pharmaceuticals must fit entirely within the secured collection receptacle or pre-printed mail-back envelope. The pharmaceuticals cannot be left in the areas surrounding the receptacle and no other packaging for mail-back may be used.

For more information about the options available for pharmaceutical take back, please contact your local Navy pharmacy staff. 

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So if you have a story that you'd like to promote in our summer 2017 issue, submit your text and images by Friday, April 21, 2017. Any submissions received after this date will be considered for our fall 2017 issue.

You can get a copy of the *Currents* article template by sending an email to Bruce McCaffrey, our Managing Editor, at [brucemccaffrey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brucemccaffrey@sbcglobal.net). This template has proven to be a tremendous asset in helping us edit and track your article submissions. Bruce is also available at 773-376-6200 if you have any questions or would like to discuss your story ideas. And don't worry. If writing isn't one of your strengths, we'll handle all of the editing necessary to get your submission into publishable form.

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#### *Currents* Deadlines

Summer 2017 Issue: Friday, April 21, 2017  
Fall 2017 Issue: Friday, July 21, 2017  
Winter 2017-18: Friday, October 20, 2017  
Spring 2018: Friday, January 19, 2018

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